



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 17, 2005

Anna Burger, Treasurer
Service Employees International Union
Committee on Political Education (SEIU COPE)
1313 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

**Response Due Date:
September 16, 2005**

Identification Number: C00004036

Reference: July Monthly Report (6/01/05-6/30/05)

Dear Ms. Burger:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Direct Mail Prod TX Election," "Media Productions TX election," "Newspaper Ad TX election," "Postage/Labels TX election," "Print Flyers TX election," "Radio Buy TX election," "Video Production TX election," and "Video Services TX election." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees should be disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Be advised that a review of the reports filed by the North Carolina Democratic Party discloses a contribution from your committee totaling \$4,000. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1152.

Sincerely,



Rosa G. Lewis
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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